March 4, 1930.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Robert:

Thank you for your note of congratulation. I am well aware my position is difficult. Whether I have ability and strength to meet it is yet to be proven.

I thank you for your good wishes.

Cordially yours,

WCR:MH

W. Courtland Robinson

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February 28, 1930.
Dictated Feb. 25th.

Rev. W. Cortland Robinson, D.D.,
The Presbyterian
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Cortland:

Ever since learning of your new responsibility I have been wanting to write to wish you well. It is no easy task that you have taken in hand but your friends will be praying that you may be given grace and wisdom equal to its difficulties and opportunities.

With best wishes always,

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

RES/d

Woodward, Okla
Feb 11th 1930.

Editor Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:- Greetings to you and the Staff! We have just read carefully and prayerfully, your article "To Our Readers." In response to it we would like to say this: For five years we have studied The Presbyterian faithfully and earnestly. This took us thro the Fosdick Fray and the Princeton War. We have been taught why we should fight; when to fight; what to fight; and how to fight. We shall always be able "to carry on" better both for and in Christ, because of Dr Craig's work in the Presbyterian. It has helped us in our meet-ups with modernism. Our hearts have been with Christ and the Princeton of Old. Of course we think Dr. Craig is A1! and none better! Yes, indeed, we Glory in the efficiency

and well balanced character of the contents of The Presbyterian for the last five years that we have been privileged to read it.

Respectfully,

Grace L. Smith.
Roy E. Smith,
Walter G. Smith.

April 30, 1930.

Mr. George B. Smith,
211 Amherst Street,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Smith:-

I was glad to get your letter and your favorable comments. I thank you.

Yours very truly,

April 30, 1930.

Rev. J. A. Savage, D.D.,
Albion Academy,
Franklinton, N. C.

Dear Dr. Savage:-

Your open letter has come to my hand a month after you wrote it. I had not thought of if before but I think your criticism of Dr. Macartney's use of letters has some ground although I am sure Dr. Macartney had no intention of doing as you imply. We will watch those things more carefully in the future and I hope this instance may be forgiven and forgotten.

Yours very truly,

Dear Editor:

Your beautiful Easter number is just come, and I have read most approvingly several pages. This year my name is not on your list, since living with one of my children. I have it in all their four homes. Under "Comments and Timely Topics" your reference to the Literary Vote and other things is just and timely. However our good man Wannamaker was in Prest. Harrison's cabinet. Small mistake though.

Sincerely yours Geo B Smith

211 Amherst St
St Paul, Minn.

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Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, Editor,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Place,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

For the past seven years the "Christian Observer" has had as one of its most attractive features a discussion of the International Sunday School Lesson by Rev. M. Ryerson Turnbull, professor in the Assembly's Training School, at Richmond, Virginia. This feature has attracted perhaps more attention than any we have ever introduced into our columns. The discussion of the lesson is prepared each week most throughly, interestingly and helpfully, and we have received a great many letters of commendation from our readers stating that they receive more help from Dr. Turnbull's discussion than from any other source.

Recently Dr. Turnbull wrote us asking if we would approve a plan to syndicate this material in only one paper of other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches or any other Church that might desire it. We readily assented to this arrangement and with our consent Dr. Turnbull is now trying to arrange for such syndication. We are leaving the details of the arrangement to him and we hope that he may be able to affect an arrangement with several papers in order that his income from this source may be increased. If only a few papers accept his proposition it would not mean any financial advantage to us. We are paying Dr. Turnbull a regular salary for doing this work for us. We will not profit personally by any arrangement he makes unless such syndication should grow to large figures.

Dr. Turnbull has the happy faculty of inspiring others to study the Word of God. He is one of the most outstanding teachers of the English Bible in the United States. I am enclosing a page from a recent issue giving one of his lessons. His purpose is to direct the student in their study and organize the material around a very definite theme. He seeks to drive home the specific truth that the Holy Spirit had in mind in giving the particular section of the Bible which is studied. He is eager to lead the student to unify, simplify and emphasize.

As this method of study appealed to the teachers of Sunday school lessons, Dr. Turnbull prepared for the "Christian

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Observer" four courses on "Studying the Bible by Books," including Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus and Hebrews. Twenty-seven thousand copies of these books have been published by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, and through these hundreds and hundreds of Bible classes outside the Sunday school have been organized, and beginning with Genesis they have continued right on through Hebrews. As a glimpse through two or three lessons of these books will give you a clearer understanding of the method Dr. Turnbull follows in teaching Sunday school lessons as well as books of the Bible, Dr. Turnbull has sent you copies of Genesis and Hebrews.

In February Dr. William T. Ellis had an article on "Practical Points of Publicity." This started Dr. Turnbull to thinking along the same matter. And as Dr. Ellis is a master in the publicity line, and is familiar with the method that Dr. Turnbull follows in the "Christian Observer" Dr. Turnbull wrote him about the whole matter and asked him these two definite questions: "Should this method of teaching the Bible be confined to the subscribers of the 'Christian Observer?' Would it be wise or possible for the same articles to be published in other church papers?" Here is the first paragraph of the letter that Dr. Turnbull received from him:

"I have long been an admirer of your work in the 'Christian Observer.' It would surely be to the profit of the papers and the readers if the syndication of these articles could be arranged, and I do not see why not."

I am suggesting that Dr. Turnbull write you at an early date concerning his plans for syndication and he will be glad to furnish you terms if you are at all interested. It may be, of course, that you already have contract for your Sunday school department, but if you contemplate a change in such contract, I believe you would find Dr. Turnbull's work most acceptable to your readers. Dr. Turnbull's address is 1206 Palmyra Ave., Richmond, Virginia.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very fraternally yours,

David M Sweets

Dear Dr Robinson April 9. 1936

Or the Editors of the Presbyterian

Over Presbytery. Desire to

Make a Martyr - & Hero: or Crush

Dr Barnhouse

Why Not several - Kindly Earnest

Sincere Presbyterian Leader (. Brethren)

meet - & Counsel - with Dr Barnhouse

Laymen - & a Vast - Number of

People are Looking - with Suspicion on

Presbytery - Treatment of Dr Barnhouse

Brotherly Kindness Christian Love

Esteem Wise - counsel should Be shown

(Not the Raw:) Sincerely Yours

Robert L Sinclair

A Strange Clerical Move to Prevent 'Competitive' Evangelization

Is the propagation of a religious faith an exalted profession or just a business vocation?

Should it be practiced as a disinterested form of service to humanity, or merely as a commercialized pursuit, a clerical racket?

These interesting questions are raised by the extraordinary move of a ministerial group in Philadelphia to exclude a noted clergyman from the combine's territory.

Few ecclesiastical controversies either merit or justify comment from a secular journal. For reasons which shall be frankly stated, The Record makes an exception of this case.

The Rev. Donald Grey Barnhouse is pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Seventeenth and Spruce streets. As preacher and Bible teacher he is so effective that each Sunday he addresses a coast-to-coast radio audience numbering hundreds of thousands. His listeners voluntarily contribute most of the broadcasting expense, which last year was more than $50,000, and for the next year will be about $90,000.

Believing in his message, and impressed by his sincerity and forcefulness, a group of business men for several months have financed Sunday night meetings held under his leadership in various parts of the city.

These services have been nonsectarian and purely evangelistic. They have been held chiefly in theaters, for the reason that demonstrably they thus attract a great many nonchurchgoers.

But from the beginning they have been antagonized by some sectional pastors, upon the ground that they detracted from church attendance.

Because of such objections meetings in the Germantown Theater, and later at Fifty-second and Locust streets, were abandoned. For several weeks they have been held in the Tower Theater, just outside the city limits at Sixty-ninth street.

Now that enterprise is attacked, by an interdenominational clerical group of the vicinity, and upon its demand the Presbytery has forbidden Mr. Barnhouse to preach anywhere outside his own pulpit, "unless with the consent of the neighborhood ministers."

The motive is stated with astonishing bluntness.

It is not suggested that the populace is getting too much religious teaching. No concern is expressed over the multitudes who seek it only because the meetings are not held in a church.

The sole complaint is that "the community is now sufficiently churched" and these services are COMPETITIVE."

In plain words, the clerical sentiment is that the neighborhood is pre-empted territory and no outsider should seek to evangelize it; the saving of souls and the giving of spiritual consolation must be a localized industry, with exclusive claims upon prospective "customers!"

The doctrinal differences underlying this attitude have no place in the present discussion. The fact that Mr. Barnhouse is an uncompromising fundamentalist, while The Record and many of his opponents support other views, is not relevant.

The clerical drive to stop Mr. Barnhouse's work is baffling to the disinterested view of a secular newspaper.

How bewildering it must be to those who devoutly believe that the supreme duty of Christians is to spread their gospel!

HENRY CHAPMAN SWEARINGEN, MINISTER
RAYMOND G. FLETCHER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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SECRETARY
MISS MARIAN DUNNING

House of Hope Presbyterian Church

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

March 27, 1930

The Rev. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor of the Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

Enclosed is an article on the Women's Overtures, which I very much wish you will find it possible to publish. I have held off from any public part in this discussion, but I feel rather deeply on the subject. Since I do not have any difficulties arising from Scriptural interpretations, it occurred to me that an article against the overtures written from another standpoing might be read with some interest. It is only recently that I decided to take this step. It seemed to me that some statements made in high places called for a reply and that certain other features needed perhaps fuller emphasis.

May I say in closing how happy I am over your acceptance ~~to~~ the editorship of the Presbyterian? I have been a subscriber for many years and have felt the need of such a weekly in our Presbyterian Church, though often distressed by its editorial spirit. You have made an admirable beginning and I am certain the paper will grow in favor.

With assurances of personal regard,

Very cordially yours,

Henry Chapman Swearingen

Henry Chapman Swearingen

HCS:MD

Wooster O. 618 Wayne Ave

Rev. W Courtland Robinson D.D.

Dear Mr Editor

I received a letter sometime ago from Dr Craig in which he says that my paper "is among the contributions which I have turned over to my successor hence it is now in the possession of Dr Robinson"

I have already expressed myself as being in sympathy with you as to right & your method of work in the position, the paper referred to, "the story of Jephtha", I wrote under grave difficulties; my left eye useless & my right one keeping the point of my pen about six inches from the tip of my ~~nose~~ nose. I have written a great many papers for the Presbyterian but never one with quite so much feeling as to the need for it & never one I have had to wait for quite so long - I am now 6 months past my 85th milestone & week by week I turn to see if it is one among the rest. I want to know ~~it to get~~ it is doing its work before I quit my own, with best wishes for yourself and your work I am yours fraternally

D. J. Battenfeld

April 8, 1930.

Rev. D. J. Satterfield, D.D.,
618 Wayne Avenue,
Wooster, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Satterfield:-

Your letter is here. Dr. Craig turned over to me a vast number of contributions and I have not been able yet to examine all or to print all. I will attend to your contribution as soon as I can. I am very sorry to have had this delay but the debate on woman overtures has filled our space. I congratulate you on your years. My own father lived to be eighty-six and like yourself was very vigorous mentally. I regret your blindness of the left eye, an affliction which my father also had.

Very sincerely yours,

April 8, 1930.

Rev. Henry C. Swearingen, D.D.,
House of Hope Church,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Dr. Swearingen:-

Thank you so much for your article and letter. I regret exceedingly that I did not see you earlier. Our desk is piled high with manuscripts and our space very full. If it is possible I will print this which you have sent for it touches a point on which I am sensitive and with which I agree heartily with you. By the slow process of publishing your article, if printed, will not be out in time to attract the presbyters much. Nevertheless, I am glad to have it.

Yours very sincerely,

LEMUEL B. SCHOFIELD
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Office of the Director
CITY HALL
PHILADELPHIA

March 28, 1930
(Dict. 3/27/30)

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Editor, The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia

My dear Doctor:

Please pardon me for not having acknowledged sooner your kind letter of March 12th, also please accept my belated congratulation upon your appointment in connection with The Presbyterian. I was delighted when I learned of it.

I will try my best to squeeze out a little time in the near future to write something which you may be able to use. I will send it to you and if you cannot use it, feel perfectly free to ignore it.

Sincerely yours,

LEMUEL B. SCHOFIELD
Director

LBS:L

March 21, 1930.

Rev. James P. Stoops,
Wooster, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Stoops:-

Your letter of March 20th is at hand. In answer to your questions I will say first, Dr. Mudge is very much in favor of Overture D as he remarked to me recently. Second, I have no knowledge of the motive of the men who presented the Overture to the General Assembly. I cannot read motives and do not understand the mental reasoning by which they bring forth their conclusions. Third, the article by O. H. Stewart has been very favorably commented upon and I think one may rely upon its reasoning. Personally, I am not in favor of Overture D although I do not consider myself sufficiently a master to give a final decision. I think it would be very dangerous to put individual churches out of the hands of the local congregation and I understand Overture D would do that.

Very truly yours,

Wooster Ma. 20. '30

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson D.D.

Dear Brother:

At the Fall meeting of the Wooster presbytery Overture D. was adopted unanimously without explanation or debate. This action is to be reconsidered at the Spring meeting of the presbytery on April 21, and in order that myself and others may be helped to vote intelligently I am asking the following questions;

1st What is Dr Mudge's opinion of overture D?

2nd What was the motive of the Committee on bills & overtures in presenting to the G.A. this overture? - What reason or reasons for it?

3rd Do you consider that Attorney C. H. Stewart's interpretation of this overture is, in the main, correct?

The majority of the members of our presbytery were entirely ignorant of the nature of this overture when it was voted on and I certainly want to thank you for Attorney Stewart's article as per Feb. 6 in the Presbyterian. I will do all I can to reverse the action of the presbytery on this overture.

Any additional information on the above will be appreciated. Also congratulation as editor of the Presbyterian, and hearty good wishes for your success. The Presbyterian has been my church paper for many years.

Very Sincerely Yours

J. P. Stoops

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Editor of The Presbyterian,

My Dear Editor:

In your issue of the 6th inst. you referred to Dr. F. L. Patton as the youngest Moderator of the General Assembly.

Dr. Saml. J. Niccolls, born, Aug. 3, 1838 was elected in 1872. Dr. P. born Jan. 22, 1843 was elected in 1878. Dr. R. was the youngest in the list, therefore if I compute properly.

Your initial number is very good. Some "sharps + flats" for us old people of about 90 would not be amiss.

Geo. B. Smith
(recently placed on H. R. roll at 88.)

211 Amherst St.
St Paul, Minn
3/10/30.

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March 12, 1930.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor of the PRESYTERIAN,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your courteous reply to my recent letter has been received. I thank you for the information it contained. Since my subscription to THE PRESBYTERIAN does not expire for quite a while, if I remember correctly, there will be some time left for consideration of the tendency of the paper before deciding whether or not to renew. What I desire is a periodical that will take a vigorous stand against the efforts being made at the present time to deliver the church bag and baggage to the now dominant liberal party.

From what you have stated in your letter of March 10, it would seem that, notwithstanding Dr. Craig's statement in THE PRESBYTERIAN, the matters at issue did NOT include his support of Westminster Seminary. Am I right in inferring this? If so, there would seem to be no good reason why that institution should not respond to your overture. With the personal matters to which you refer as involved in the change of editorship, except as they may affect the active conservatism of THE PRESBYTERIAN, I, of course have no particular interest.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence B. Scoville

March 12, 1930.

Major L. Braddock Schofield,
City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Major Schofield:-

I have tried to see you but I am aware you are a very busy man. I am now staying in Philadelphia for this month at the Penn Athletic Club nights and at 1217 Market Street most of the days. I go to my son's for the week-end. I am looking for that brother of yours but have not seen him as yet.

I am among the multitude who ask favor of you. I cannot offer you a price in money but THE PRESBYTERIAN would cherish an article by you connected with your very important and I believe successful work as law enforcer. I cannot suggest a particular line but your own judgment will direct you. I hope you may take a few moments from your busy days to dictate something that will be good for presbyterian readers to receive. I thank you most cordially and will make an attempt to see you.

Most sincerely yours,

March 10, 1930.

Rev. Clarence B. Scoville,
Amagansett, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Scoville:-

Yours is before me. I assure you that THE PRESBYTERIAN under my direction will be as conservative as it has ever been. There were many things involved in the change of editors mostly personal. I am more than ready to support Westminster Seminary and have made all overtures but as yet they do not respond thereto. If you will give a trial I am sure that while you may not like everything in the paper you will find that it is conservative and not liberal.

Very sincerely yours,

A RELIGIOUS WEEKLY FOR THE FAMILY

The PRESBYTERIAN

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TWELVE-SEVENTEEN MARKET ST. PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Friend:

You have been receiving THE PRESBYTERIAN each week for the past seven months, made possible through the kindness of a friend. We trust you have found interest and pleasure in its visits.

The time to which the subscription was paid has expired and we are writing to ask if you desire to become a regular reader. We are enclosing a statement for one year in advance.

As many of our readers do not wish a break in the receipt of their paper, it is our custom to continue the subscription until we receive a definite order otherwise. Will you kindly, therefore, advise us at an early date your wishes in the matter? We sincerely hope to receive a favorable reply, as it would give us pleasure to have you continue one of our readers.

Yours very truly,

THE PRESBYTERIAN

Amagansett, N.Y.,

March 8, 1930

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor of the Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

In the announcement on the cover of the Presbyterian for March 6, the hope is expressed that "All subscribers may be retained and many new ones acquired." It is also stated that the change of editors "Involves no change in the general attitude of the Presbyterian in religious and theological matters." The contents of the March number, with the possible exception of one or two expressions in the article by the Rev. J. Keir Fraser, D.D., seem to confirm this latter statement.

As to the reasons for the change of management, the evidence is not so clear. It has been hinted in your announcement, and by Dr. Lamb in a previous issue, that Dr. Craig's personality and editorial policy are involved. In the latter's statement after he was asked to resign, the definite declaration was made that the matter principally at issue was his support of Westminster Seminary. Nothing as plain and positive has been given out since then.

In view of the fact that a bid is being made for the support of the present constituency of the Presbyterian, it seems to me that a frank and full statement of the matters involved ought to be given us. I am a former subscriber of the Herald and Presbyter, and since the discontinuance of that paper have taken the Presbyterian. I have always liked the straightforward policy of both these journals and would consider its abandonment, especially at this time, a subject for regret. I notice that the advertisement of Westminster Seminary no longer appears in your paper.

Very truly yours,

Clarence B. Scoville